

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the comments which follow.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-10, 12-14, and 33-40 were pending in this application. In this response, claims 1 and 9 are amended; claims 2 and 10 are canceled; and no claim is added. Thus, claims 1, 4-6, 9, 12-14, and 33-40 are pending.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following locations in the original disclosure: the original claims and the specification, page 11, paragraph 28.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 for at least the following reasons. The amendments raise no new issues that would necessitate further search and/or substantive reexamination and presents claims that, in conjunction with the below remarks, are allowable.

***ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER***

Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has allowed claims 4-6, 12-14, 34, 36, 38, and 40, and the notification that claims 2 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 10, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the application be allowed.

***CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103***

Claims 1, 9, 33, 35, 37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Field* on the grounds set forth at page 6 of the Official Action. Claims 1 and 9 have been

amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 10, respectively. Thus, the rejections of claims 1 and 9 are moot. Further, claims 33, 35, 37, and 39, are allowable, at least because they are dependent on and incorporate the allowable subject matter of amended claims 1 or 9, respectively.

### **CONCLUSION**

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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